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1. CONGEN CALLED 13 SEPTEMBER 1977 ON ACTING REGIONAL DIRECTOR
OF UN WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION TO GET HIS OPINION ON POSSIBILITY
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OF CHOLERA IN EGYPT AND OVERVIEW OF PROBLEM IN WHICH HIS OFFICE
IS CENTRAL COORDINATOR IN MIDDLE EAST (TUNISIA TO IRAN) FOR STOPPING
FURTHER SPREAD OF DISEASE.

2. WHO DIRECTOR CONFIRMS THERE ARE "OFFICIALLY" NO CASES OF
CHOLERA IN EGYPT. UNOFFICIALLY, HE SAID, HE UNDERSTANDS THERE
ARE TWO CASES PRESENTLY AT ABBASSIYA FEVER HOSPITAL, CAIRO. FYI -

LOCAL CONGEN SOURCE, SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER AT ALEXANDRIA FEVER HOSPITAL, CLAIMS NO CASES YET REPORTED EXCEPT DANISH SEAMAN ABOARD NORWEGIAN FREIGHTER WHO DIED SHORTLY BEFORE SHIP'S ARRIVAL IN ALEXANDRIA. MEDICAL AUTHORITIES REFUSED PORT ENTRANCE TO VESSEL. VICTIM WAS BURIED AT SEA TWENTY MILES OFF SHORE. - END FYI

3. DIRECTOR SAYS EGYPTIAN MEDICAL CONTROLS AT PORTS OF ENTRY (INCLUDING CAIRO AIRPORT) ARE NOT ONLY STRICT AND EFFECTIVE, BUT ALMOST TOO STRICT. WHO HAS RECEIVED FORMAL COMPLAINTS OF OVERSTRICT CONTROLS IN KUWAIT, LIBYA AND SYRIA, AND TELEGRAM IS BEING PREPARED INFORMING HEALTH AUTHORITIES IN THOSE COUNTRIES THAT THEIR MEASURES "EXCEED WHO REQUIREMENTS."

4. DR. SHOIB TOLD CONGEN THAT GOE HAS SUFFICIENT STOCK OF VACCINE FOR OWN USE AND HAS SUPPLIED SIZEABLE QUANTITIES TO SYRIA, SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT. WHO OFFICE HAS ALREADY ORDERED FROM GENEVA REPLACEMENT STOCKS, USING EGYPTIAN FIRST AS NEAREST SOURCE TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. IRAN HAS BEEN ASKED TO STANDBY TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE HELP IF NEED IN THAT PART OF REGION, AGAIN WITH QUICK REPLACEMENT FROM GENEVA, IF NECESSARY.

5. OUR WHO SOURCE DID ADD, HOWEVER, THAT "VACCINE IS ABSOLUTELY USELESS." PROBLEM IS NOT PREVENTIVE MEDICINE BUT PREVENTIVE SANITATION. "YOU MUST PRACTICALLY EAT FECES TO CONTACT CHOLERA," HE COMPLAINED. HE IS APPALLED AT GARBAGE IN STREETS, DEAD ANIMALS, HUMAN WASTE. "YOU DO NOT NEED MEDICINE AND DOCTORS AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MODERN TECHNOLOGY. YOU NEED WORKERS, AND THIS PART OF THE WORLD HAS PLENTY OF THEM, UNEMPLOYED." HE MIGHT HAVE ADDED "AND A PUBLIC WILL TO SEE IT DONE."

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